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SUBJECT: TURKISH CHIEF OF STAFF VISIT TO BONN

1. GENERAL SANCAR, CHIEF OF THE TURKISH GENERAL STAFF, IS PAYING AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE FRG THIS WEEK. GENERAL SANCAR IS RETURNING A VISIT WHICH GERMAN CHIEF OF STAFF ADMIRAL ZIMMERMANN PREVIOUSLY PAID TO TURKEY. SANCAR WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO COME LAST SUMMER, BUT THE CYPRUS CRISIS INTERVENED AND THE VISIT WAS POSTPONED.

2. THE VISIT HAS THUS FAR BEEN A ROUTINE ONE EXCEPT FOR THE GREAT INITIAL EMPHASIS WHICH GERMAN DEFENSE OFFICIALS LAID ON THE TURKISH CSCE EXCEPTION PROBLEM (REPORTED SEPARATELY). INITIAL CONVERSATIONS AT THE FMOD WERE WITH DEFMIN LEBER AND ZIMMERMANN. BESIDES THE CBM ISSUE, WE WERE ADVISED BY A SOURCE CLOSE TO THE DEFMIN THAT LEBER RAISED FIRST THE POINT ABOUT THE US ARMS EMBARGO TO TURKEY. LEBER IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT THE US ADMINISTRATION IS TRYING ITS BEST TO RE-
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LIEVE THE SITUATION, AND HE ASKED FOR SANCAR'S CONTINUED

PATIENCE. IN VIEW OF THE EFFORTS BY THE ADMINISTRATION, LEBER ASKED WHETHER IT WAS NECESSARY FOR THE TURKS TO REACT SO HARSHLY AT THE TIME OF THE NPG. SANCAR REPORTEDLY REPLIED THAT THE TURKISH STATEMENT AT THAT TIME WAS "MISREAD". HE SAID THE GOT ATTITUDE WAS NOT A HARD ONE, AND THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WANTS TO TALK AND TO NEGOTIATE. THE GENERAL CONTINUED THAT THE US HAS HELPED THE GOT A LOT IN THE PAST. TO THIS DEFMIN LEBER RESPONDED THAT SECRETARIES KISSINGER AND SCHLESINGER WERE BOTH WORKING HARD TO RECTIFY THE SITUATION AND WILL MANAGE IF THEY HAVE ENOUGH TIME. SANCAR REPLIED THAT THE US EMBARGO HAD COME AS A "BOMB". HOWEVER, HE STATED THAT HE PERSONALLY HAD A LOT OF PATIENCE, MORE THAN CERTAIN FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS.

(COMMENT: AMEMBASSY ANKARA MAY WISH TO COMMENT ON THIS ASPECT OF SANCAR'S STATEMENT.)

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